

**In the Specification:**

1. Please amend paragraph [0009] on page 3 of the specification to read:

[0009] The advantages described of internal exhaust-gas recirculation are utilized in the first direct injection DI Otto engines found on the market, which in addition to external exhaust-gas recirculation also have internal exhaust-gas recirculation with intake camshaft displacement and exhaust-gas purification by means of NOx storage catalysts. For mixture formation in these internal combustion engines, a swirl concept is used for charging, in which a rotational movement is imparted to the drawn-in gases in the cylinder, the axis of rotation running approximately parallel to the piston movement/cylinder axis. At the same time, a ~~vertical~~ stationary swirl is produced in the combustion chamber, into which the stream of fuel is injected and conveyed to the spark plug. In conjunction with a NOx storage catalyst, such combustion processes already have quite low NOx emissions.